



EMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

American Citizen Newsletter

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Extra Passport Pages—Get 'Em While They Last

That's right. Extra passport pages are on the way out. Starting January 1, all new passports issued by the Department of State will be 52 pages. When that change happens, U.S. citizens will no longer have the opportunity to have extra pages added to their passports.

If your passport has years before it expires and you wish to add passport pages, you may want to add extra pages rather than the hassle of applying for a new passport. The fee to add extra pages is \$82—nearly half the cost of renewing your passport.

To add pages, you will need to schedule an appointment before December 31 and fill out the DS-4085 form on travel.state.gov. Schedule an appointment online at our [online appointment page](#).



Enrolled in STEP? It Might Be Time To Update Your Profile

During the political events in September, the Consular Section relied on citizen enrollments in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to send security messages to the U.S. citizen community in Burkina Faso. STEP enrollments also helped us know how many citizens were in the country at the time.

But STEP is only as good as the information that citizens give us. To ensure that you are able to receive security messages in the event of a similar crisis, we encourage all citizens to update their local contact information, including all local phone numbers and an email address that you check regularly. Without updated contact information, the embassy will be unable to contact you during a crisis. In addition, it's just as important that you update your STEP registration when you leave Burkina Faso. This helps the embassy know how many Americans are in the country and make emergency plans accordingly.

To update your STEP registration, go to step.state.gov.

Provided Services

The Consular Section provides the following routine services for U.S. citizens in Burkina Faso:

- Passport application and renewal
- Notarial services
- Consular Reports of Birth Abroad
- Consular Reports of Death Abroad
- Addition of extra passport pages (through December 31 only)

To schedule a non-emergency service, contact the Consular Section to schedule an appointment.

Hours

Consular Section

Monday to Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

Non-Emergency Citizen Services

Monday and Thursday, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm,
by appointment

Embassy Ouagadougou is closed during U.S. and Burkina Faso holidays.

Upcoming Dates

November 2: All Saints' Day (Burkina Faso)

November 3: U.S. general election

November 11: Veterans Day (U.S.)

November 26: Thanksgiving (U.S.)

December 11: Proclamation of Independence (Burkina Faso)

December 25: Christmas Day (U.S./Burkina Faso)

December 31: Last day to add extra passport pages